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DCI/IC 74-1109

12 February 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : FY-73 Unused Funds for COINS

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1. At [REDACTED] staff meeting today, he referred to you a current matter that involves funding for COINS, and he mentioned that [REDACTED] of FY-73 funds had been available but not used.

2. I have been the point of contact for the IC Staff in connection with on-going efforts by ASD(I) to improve COINS, particularly in connection with upgrading the files data base. I was aware of the existence of the foregoing funds, and recognizing that we should not allow the fiscal year to end without having made a specific determination on their use or non-use, I set up a meeting to consider that matter.

3. The participants and events of that meeting are recounted in the attached memorandum (DCI/IC 73-0637). I have not included attachments B and C to that memorandum since they are somewhat dated and now overtaken in part by other events. However, they are available if you so desire.

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4. In brief, [REDACTED] for IC Staff, and [REDACTED] for CIA/OPPB agreed that the FY-73 funds could not be productively used because the development of COINS was still so cloudy. It was recognized that future funding would be needed, but the specific source(s) were not focused on at that time. Note also that as of June 1973, ASD(I) had had the responsibility of Executive Agent for COINS under general IRAC auspices since April. That responsibility has never been precisely defined, but there are certain aspects that I believe are non-delegable by the DCI, such as his ultimate responsibility for "protection of sources and methods."

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Attachment:

[REDACTED] memo dtd 21 June 73 (DCI/IC 73-0637) and Attachment A. (S)

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